

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2565
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.05.2016

Tiger Population

2565 SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a rise in India's tiger population in the last five years and if so, the details thereof, State-Wise;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that according to the Wildlife Institute of India, some areas like the Corbett National Park, the Sunderbans and even parts of Odisha are close to saturation and the forest corridors are degraded; and
- (c) if so, whether the Government has taken any measures for the required infrastructure development for making space for the tigers and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

- (a) Yes Madam. The third country wide assessment of the status of tigers, co-predators and their prey, using the refined methodology has shown a country wide 30% increase in tiger numbers in 2014 with an estimated number of 2226 tigers (range 1945-2491) as compared to second assessment done in 2010 with estimated number of 1706 tigers (range 1520-1909). The State wise details are at **Annexure**.
- (b) & (c) No Madam. There is no saturation as such in the said areas. However, to address the issue of increased population or very dense population in certain areas, the National Tiger Conservation Authority has issued Standard Operating Procedure on Active management towards rehabilitation of tigers from source areas at the landscape level following which tiger from high density areas in a landscape can be translocated in the low density areas.

Tiger Population

State	Year 2010	Year 2014
Shivalik- Gangetic Plain Landscape Complex		
Uttarakhand	227 (199-256)	340
Uttar Pradesh	118 (113-124)	117
Bihar	8 (-)	28
Shivalik-Gangetic	353 (320-388)	485 (427-543)
Central Indian Landscape Complex and Eastern Ghats Landscape Complex		
Andhra Pradesh (including Telengana)	72 (65-79)	68
Chhattisgarh	26 (24-27)	46
Madhya Pradesh	257(213-301)	308*
Maharashtra	169 (155-183)	190
Odisha	32 (20-44)	28
Rajasthan	36 (35-37)	45
Jharkhand	10 (6-14)	3+
Central India	601 (518-685)	688 (596-780)
Western Ghats Landscape Complex		
Karnataka	300 (280-320)	406
Kerala	71 (67-75)	136
Tamil Nadu	163 (153-173)	229
Goa	-	5
Western Ghats	534 (500-568)	776 (685-861)
North Eastern Hills and Brahmaputra Flood Plains		
Assam	143 (113-173)	167
Arunachal Pradesh	-	28#
Mizoram	3	3+
Northern West Bengal	-	3
North East Hills, and Brahmaputra	148 (118-178)	201 (174-212)
Sunderbans	70 (64-90)	76 (62-96)
Total	1,706 (1,520-1,909)	2,226 (1945-2491)

* Likely to be revised as sampling is ongoing in the State

+ From scat DNA

From camera trap data and scat DNA